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SUBJECT: MANLEY IN OTTAWA

1. PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL MANLEY'S AUGUST 7 AND 8 SPEECHES BEFORE THE OTTAWA COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE HAVE RECEIVED WIDE COVERAGE IN THE LOCAL PRESS. THE SPEECHES, WHICH ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW, ARE CONSISTENT WITH MANLEY'S PREVIOUS STATEMENTS ON THESE SUBJECTS -AND MAY BE OF INTEREST IN THAT MANLEY IS OFTEN AN EFFECTIVE ARTICULATOR OF COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN FEELINGS.

2. MANLEY'S AUGUST 7 SPEECH WAS IMPROMPTU AND DWELT AT LENGTH ON THE POSITION OF MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN WORLD TRADE. HE URGED THE CONFERENCE TO ANALYSE THE WHOLE QUESTION OF HOW MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS OPERATE AND WHAT GOVERNMENTS COULD DO TO CREATE A
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SITUATION IN WHICH HOST COUNTRIES ARE SATISFIED THAT

THEY ARE GETTING A FAIR DEAL. THE HEART OF THE PROBLEM WAS HOW THE WEALTH CREATED BY THESE CORPORATIONS IS TO BE SHARED. MANLEY ADDED THAT NATIONALIZATION WAS NOT NECESSARILY A COMPLETE ANSWER BECAUSE THE PRODUCTS MUST BE SOLD, (USUALLY IN METROPOLITAN MARKETS).

3. MANLEY'S AUGUST 8 SPEECH AND NEWS CONFERENCE DWELT ON THE TERMS OF TRADE FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE URGED THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AND SECRETARIAT TO MOVE BEYOND RHETORIC TO SPECIFIC STRATEGIES TO HELP SOLVE THE PROBLEMS BETWEEN RICH AND POOR NATIONS, AND URGED THAT THE DEVELOPED TRANSFER MORE RESOURCES TO THE LESS-DEVELOPED. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMONWEALTH EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF EXAMINING THE PATTERNS OF MANUFACTURED EXPORTS FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO LDCS WITH A VIEW TO CALCULATING INDICES OF RELATIVE RATES OF GROWTH IN PRICES. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT ATTENTION BE AIMED AT THE PROBLEM OF "REVERSE FLOWS" WHERE THE NET EFFECT OF AID ALLEGEDLY IS OFTEN A GREATER FLOW IN INTEREST AND PROFITS TO THE DONOR THAN THE ORIGINAL AID COMMITMENT

4. AT HIS NEWS CONFERENCE, MANLEY ALSO ATTACKED CANADA FOR IMPORTING SOUTH AFRICAN SUGAR AND IDI AMIN FOR HIS RACIAL POLICIES. HEWITT

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